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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO (SEHION,
FLOYD HARRIS)

1. GENERAL: SEHION WAS RESIDENT OF EAGLE PASS, TEX, JUST ACROSS BORDER FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS, HAS MEXICAN WIFE WHO NOW RESIDES PIEDRAS NEGRAS, WHERE HE IS IMPRISONED IN PENITENTIARY. ARRESTED ON OR ABOUT JULY 28, 1973 AND CHARGED WITH IMPORTING ONE GRAM OF HEROIN INTO MEXICO. SAYS HE WAS SET UP BY DEA, THAT IT IS RIDICULOUS THAT HE WOULD BE SMUGGLING HEROIN INTO MEXICO. SINCE HIS ARREST HE HAS BEEN CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD SOON GET OUT WITH THE HELP OF HIS EXCELLENT LAWYER IN WHOM HE HAS FULL CONFIDENCE; ACCORDING TO SEHION, THEY HAVE "NO CASE." SEHION WAS SENTENCED ON SEPT 20, 1974 TO 7 YEARS AND 5000 PESOS FINE, A MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR IMPORTATION OF HEROIN. SEHION APPEALED BUT APPEAL WAS DENIED. AS OF NOV 5, 1975, WHEN CONOFF VISITED SUBJECT, HE SAID HIS AMPARO WAS NOW IN MEXICO CITY AND WOULD COST 6,000 DOLLARS (US). SEHION'S ATTORNEY EXPLAINED THAT 2000 DOLLARS (US) WERE THE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND THAT THE OTHER 4000 DOLLARS WERE FOR "ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS." SEHION IS HAVING HIS RELATIVES LOOK INTO THE MATTER. HE IS ALSO DISTURBED ABOUT RUMOR THAT GROUP OF PRISONERS WILL SOON BE MOVED TO NEW PENITENTIARY IN SALTILLO AND FEARS HE WILL BE INCLUDED IN GROUP. SINCE HIS WIFE LIVES IN PIEDRAS NEGRAS AND VISITS HIM DAILY AND BRINGS FOOD AND OTHER COMFORT ITEMS, HE WISHES REMAIN PIEDRAS NEGRAS. FACILITY IN SALTILLO NOT EXPECTED BE COMPLETED UNTIL LATE JANUARY.

2. ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT: SEHION TOLD CONOFF FOR FIRST TIME

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ON JAN 16, 1975 THAT AT TIME OF HIS ARREST HE WAS BEATEN, ELECTRIC

CATTLE PRODDED AND THREATENED. CONOFF TOLD SEHION THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL COULD PROTEST THIS TREATMENT TO PROPER MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. SEHION REQUESTED THAT NOTHING BE DONE, AS HE DID NOT WISH TO "ROCK THE BOAT". COMPLYING WITH HIS WISHES, CONOFF HAS TAKEN NO ACTION.

3. CONFISCATION OF PERSONAL POSSESSIONS: SEHION STATED THAT WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED HIS ROLEX WATCH, 125 DOLLARS AND RING WITH SOME DIAMONDS WERE TAKEN BY JUDICIAL POLICE; AGAIN HE REQUESTED THAT CONOFF TAKE NO ACTION. HE HAS RECEIPT AND, IF ARTICLES ARE NOT EVENTUALLY RETURNED, HE WILL ASK FOR HELP.

4. DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS: SEHION COMPLAINED OF 30 PRISONERS BEING CONFINED IN CELL FOR 15. THIS MATTER WILL BE ALLEVIATED WITH COMPLETION OF SALTILLO FACILITY WHEN SOME OF EXCESS PIEDRAS NEGRAS PRISON POPULATION WILL BE TRANSFERRED.

5. VISITATIONS: SEHION VISITED ON MONTHLY BASIS SINCE JAN 1975. SUCH VISITS WILL CONTINUE.

6. ON DECEMBER 8 SEHION ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE FROM THE PIEDRAS NEGRAS PENITENTIARY AND WAS SHOT IN THE FACE THREE TIMES BY PRISON GUARDS. HE IS IN THE PIEDRAS NEGRAS CIVIL HOSPITAL. HIS CONDITION IS BEING MONITORED BY CONOFF AND LATEST REPORT INDICATES THAT HE HAS IMPROVED, STOOD UP FOR THE FIRST TIME ON DECEMBER 12, AND THAT HIS WIFE, A MEXICAN CITIZEN, HAS BEEN VISITING AND BRINGING HIM FOOD SEVERAL TIMES DAILY.
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